CORYPHÆNA HIPPURUS.

Character Genericus.

Caput maxime truncato-declive.
Membrana branchioſtega radiis quinque.
Pinna dorſalis longitudine dorſi.

Lin.

Character Specificus, &c.

CORYPHÆNA THALASSINA, aurantio-guttata, dorſo cæruleo, cauda bifida.

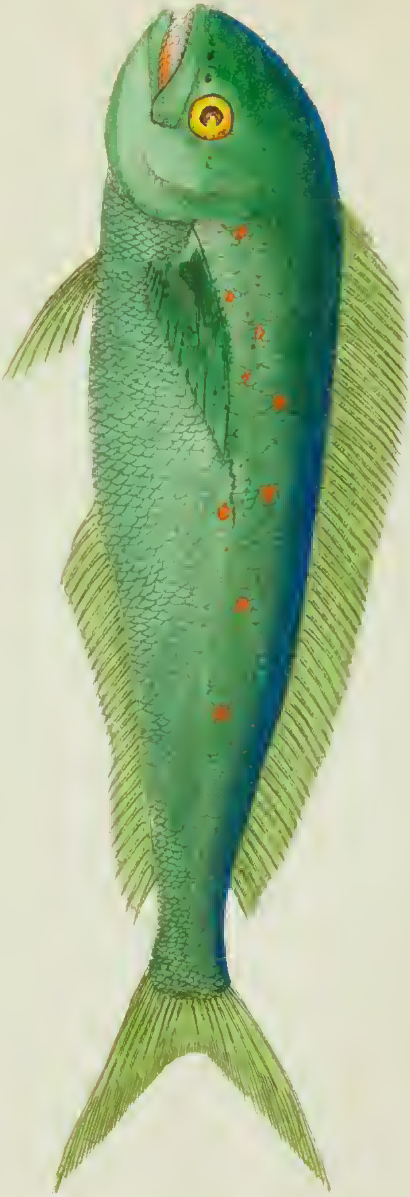
CORYPHÆNA cauda bifida, radiis dorſalibus ſexaginta.

Lin. Syſt. Nat. p. 446.

CORYPHÆNA pinna ani radiis viginti quinque.
Bloch. auſt. Fiſch 2. p. 143. t. 174.

Generi Coryphænæ, ut plurimum, obtigit inſolitus colorum ſplendor; cujus variæ ſpecies vel ipſis pulcherrimis Labris Zeiſque non cedunt, immo etiam nec auratis fulgentiſſimiſque Cyprinis. Species, quam jam memoravimus, in mari Mediterraneo non raro invenitur; illamque interdum gravi errore

errore Delphinis nomine vocaverunt nonnulli. In longitudinem quatuor vel etiam quinque pedum creſcit. Perniciſſimus eſt piſcis et prædando vitam ſuſtinet.



THE

COMMON CORYPHÆNA.

Generic Character.

Head ſloping ſuddenly downwards.
Gill-covers five-rayed.
Dorſal Fin the length of the back.

Specific Character, &c.

SEA-GREEN CORYHÆNA, ſpotted with orange, with blue back and forked tail.

The COMMON CORYPHÆNA.

The SEA-GREEN SPOTTED CORYPHENE, popularly called the Dolphin.

The genus Coryphæna is diſtinguiſhed in general by a more than uſual gaiety of color; many of the ſpecies being equal in brilliancy to the richeſt of the Labri and Zei, or even to the golden ſplendor of ſome of the Cyprini. The particular ſpecies here repreſented is not unfrequently found in the Mediterranean, and has ſometimes been moſt erroneouſly called by the title of Dolphin. It grows to the length of four, or even five feet. It is extremely ſwift and vigorous, and of a predacious nature.